

In re of: NIELSEN

REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims are being made in order to eliminate multiple dependency and for the purpose of reducing the filing fee. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee in this case.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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**In the claims:**

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [or 3] wherein the dosage of  $\alpha$ -MSH and/or of an  $\alpha$ -MSH equivalent and EPO and/or an EPO equivalent is administered as a single dosage, regular or continued administration, or as a sequential administration.

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [or 3] wherein condition is caused by an infection.

Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [or 3] wherein the condition is caused by a cancer or a by premalignant disorder.

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

8. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [or 3] wherein the  $\alpha$ -MSH equivalent is a substance acting on the  $\alpha$ -MSH receptor and/or on the melanocortin receptor.

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

9. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [or 3] wherein the treatment or prevention comprises administration of a dosage unit of EPO and/or an EPO equivalent.

Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

10. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [or 3] wherein a combination of  $\alpha$ -MSH and/or  $\alpha$ -MSH equivalent with EPO and/or an EPO equivalent is administered.

Claim 11 has been cancelled.

Claims 13-18 have been added.